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Memo to: Governor's Office
Ohio Department of Taxation

From: Robert (Rob) Brundrett, Director, Public Policy Services

Re: **OMA Support for Modernizing Municipal Tax Collection**

A hallmark of good tax policy is economy of collections and convenience of payment. For this reason, the state's tax system would benefit from streamlining the collection of municipal income taxes.

Governor Kasich's 2017/18 biennial budget proposes to modernize the municipal tax system by centralizing administration at the state level: "To save businesses the extra cost of computing and then filing "net profit" taxes with multiple municipalities, Ohio seeks to streamline the process by having businesses file just one form and a single payment online through the Ohio Business Gateway, with the Ohio Department of Taxation processing payments and distributing revenues back to the appropriate local government, just as it does for county sales taxes and school district income taxes."

This will relieve the current complicated and burdensome system of municipal income tax collection for businesses. It would be one more important step in advancing Ohio's business-friendliness. The OMA supports the governor's proposal to centralize municipal income tax collection administration.

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